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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-69 (Canceled).

70. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for displaying passenger-specific boarding information to passengers waiting ~~preparing~~ to board for a departure comprising the steps of:

continuously transmitting and updating the passenger-specific boarding information from a carrier data system to a processing system, wherein the passenger-specific boarding information comprises passenger standby data;

~~displaying, without the processing system receiving identification information from the passenger, the passenger-specific boarding information on a gate information display system~~ an electronic display coupled to the processing system, and proximate to the departure gate;

clearing one of the passengers assigned a standby status to board; and

prompting the cleared passenger to board by displaying a prompt on the gate information display system ~~electronic display;~~ and

~~upon attempting to board, confirming the cleared passenger's identity by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processing system.~~

71. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of displaying an idle mode screen, comprising general flight information, on the gate information display system ~~electronic display~~ prior to transmission of the passenger-specific information.

72. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 70.

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73. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for displaying passenger-specific upgrade information to passengers waiting~~preparing~~ to board for a departure comprising the steps of:

continuously receiving and updating the passenger-specific upgrade information from a carrier data system at a processing system;

~~displaying, without the processing system receiving identification information from the passenger,~~ the passenger-specific upgrade information on a gate information display system~~an electronic display~~ coupled to the processing system, and proximate to the departure gate;

approving an upgrade of one of the passengers; and

prompting the upgrade passenger to board by displaying the upgrade approval on the gate information display system~~electronic display~~.

74. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the step of confirming the upgrade passenger's identity upon attempting board by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processing system.

75. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 73.

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76. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for ~~providing~~ displaying passenger-specific seating information to passengers waiting to board for departure in a terminal comprising the steps of:

continuously receiving and updating the passenger-specific seating information for one of the passengers from a carrier data system at a computing system; and

in response to a signal indicating a designated time prior to departure from the terminal, displaying, ~~without the computing system receiving identification information from the passenger,~~ the passenger specific passenger's seating information on a gate information display system ~~an electronic display~~ coupled to the computing system and proximate to the departure gate, the ~~passenger-specific~~ passenger's seating information consisting of ~~comprising~~ a readily recognizable identifier for the passenger and a corresponding seat assignment;

clearing one of the passengers assigned a seat to board; and

prompting the cleared passenger to board by displaying a prompt on the gate information display system.

77. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of displaying passenger upgrade information on the gate information display system ~~electronic display~~.

78. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the steps recited in Claim 76.

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Claims 79-81. (Canceled)

82. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of confirming the cleared passenger's identity by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processing system upon the passenger attempting to board.

83. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 82, further comprising the step of using the passenger's identity to confirm that the passenger is permitted to board.

84. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 82, further comprising the step of displaying the passenger's seating information at the scanning device.

85. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of displaying passenger-specific advertising on the gate information display system.

86. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 85, wherein the passenger-specific advertising is selected based on information about the passenger.

87. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of projecting an idle mode screen, comprising general flight information, on the gate information display system prior to transmission of the passenger-specific boarding information.

88. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, wherein the step of displaying the passenger-specific boarding information comprises a transition from an idle mode screen to a departure mode screen in response to a first trigger event, the departure mode screen comprising passenger-specific boarding information.

89. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 88, wherein the first trigger event is a designated time before departure.

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90. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, wherein the step of displaying the passenger-specific boarding information comprises a transition from a departure mode screen to a boarding mode screen in response to a second trigger event, the boarding mode screen comprising one of passenger seating information, passenger standby status, passenger upgrade status, passenger connection information, and passenger-specific advertising.

91. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 90, wherein the second trigger event is a designated time before departure.

92. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of printing a copy of the cleared passenger's seating information for the cleared passenger.

93. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 70, further comprising the step of displaying passenger upgrade information on the gate information display system.

94. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 93, further comprising the steps of:

displaying the upgrade status for the passenger on the electronic display;
determining that the passenger's upgrade is approved;
displaying the passenger's upgraded seating information on the gate information display system; and

upon attempting to board, confirming the upgraded passenger's identity and upgraded seating information by scanning a unique identifier for the upgraded passenger with a scanning device coupled to the computing system.

95. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 74, further comprising the step of displaying the passenger's seating information at the scanning device.

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96. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the step of displaying passenger-specific advertising on the gate information display system.

97. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 96, wherein the passenger-specific advertising is selected based on information about the passenger.

98. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the step of projecting an idle mode screen, comprising general flight information, on the gate information display system prior to transmission of the passenger-specific upgrade information.

99. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, wherein the step of displaying the passenger-specific upgrade information comprises a transition from an idle mode screen to a departure mode screen in response to a first trigger event, the departure mode screen comprising passenger-specific upgrade information.

100. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 99, wherein the first trigger event is a designated time before departure.

101. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, wherein the step of displaying the passenger-specific upgrade information comprises a transition from a departure mode screen to a boarding mode screen in response to a second trigger event, the boarding mode screen comprising one of passenger seating information, passenger standby status, passenger upgrade status, passenger connection information, and passenger-specific advertising.

102. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 101, wherein the second trigger event is a designated time before departure.

103. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the step of printing a copy of the upgrade passenger's seating information for the upgrade passenger.

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104. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the steps of:

clearing one of the passengers assigned a standby status; and
prompting the cleared passenger to board by displaying a prompt on the gate information display system.

105. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 104, further comprising the step of confirming the cleared passenger's identity by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the processor upon the cleared passenger attempting to board.

106. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 73, further comprising the steps of:

receiving seating information for one of the passengers from the carrier data system; and
displaying the passenger's seating information on the gate information display system.

107. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 106, wherein the passenger's seating information comprises a readily recognizable identifier for the passenger and a corresponding seat assignment.

108. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of confirming the cleared passenger's identity by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the computing system upon the passenger attempting to board.

109. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 108, further comprising the step of using the passenger's identity to confirm that the passenger is permitted to board.

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110. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 108, further comprising the step of displaying the passenger's seating information at the scanning device.

111. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of displaying passenger-specific advertising on the gate information display system.

112. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 111, wherein the passenger-specific advertising is selected based on information about the passenger.

113. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of projecting an idle mode screen, comprising general flight information, on the gate information display system prior to transmission of the passenger-specific seating information.

114. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, wherein the step of displaying the passenger-specific seating information comprises a transition from an idle mode screen to a departure mode screen in response to the signal indicating the designated time prior to departure from the terminal, the departure mode screen comprising passenger-specific seating information.

115. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, wherein the step of displaying the passenger-specific seating information comprises a transition from a departure mode screen to a boarding mode screen in response to a second trigger event, the boarding mode screen comprising passenger-specific seating information.

116. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 115, wherein the second trigger event is a designated time before departure.

117. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of printing a copy of the cleared passenger's seating information for the cleared passenger.

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118. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the step of displaying passenger upgrade information on the gate information display system.

119. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 118, further comprising the steps of:

- displaying the upgrade status for the passenger on the electronic display;
- determining that the passenger's upgrade is approved;
- displaying the passenger's upgraded seating information on the gate information display system; and

- upon attempting to board, confirming the upgraded passenger's identity and upgraded seating information by scanning a unique identifier for the upgraded passenger with a scanning device coupled to the computing system.

120. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 76, further comprising the steps of:

- receiving passenger-specific standby information for one of the passengers from the carrier data system; and

- displaying the passenger specific standby information on an electronic display coupled to the computing device.

121. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 120, further comprising the steps of:

- determining that the standby passenger is approved for boarding; and
- based on the approval for boarding, displaying the standby passenger's seating information on the gate information display system.

122. (New) The computer-implemented method of Claim 121, further comprising the step of confirming the standby passenger's identity by scanning a unique identifier for the passenger with a scanning device coupled to the computing device upon the standby passenger attempting to board.